

PHI DELTA CHI®



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The September 2024 *e-Communicator* of the Phi Delta Chi Fraternity is now available. This month's issue includes Grand Council highlights, Discord, GreekTrack 101, opportunities to publish, history corner, and more! **Previous editions of the *e-Communicator* can be found [here](#) as a link/PDF.**

We want **YOU** to be a part of the *e-Communicator*! While reading this month's edition, be on the lookout for opportunities to contribute to future editions with your photos, stories, and insights.



GRAND COUNCIL 2024 RECAP



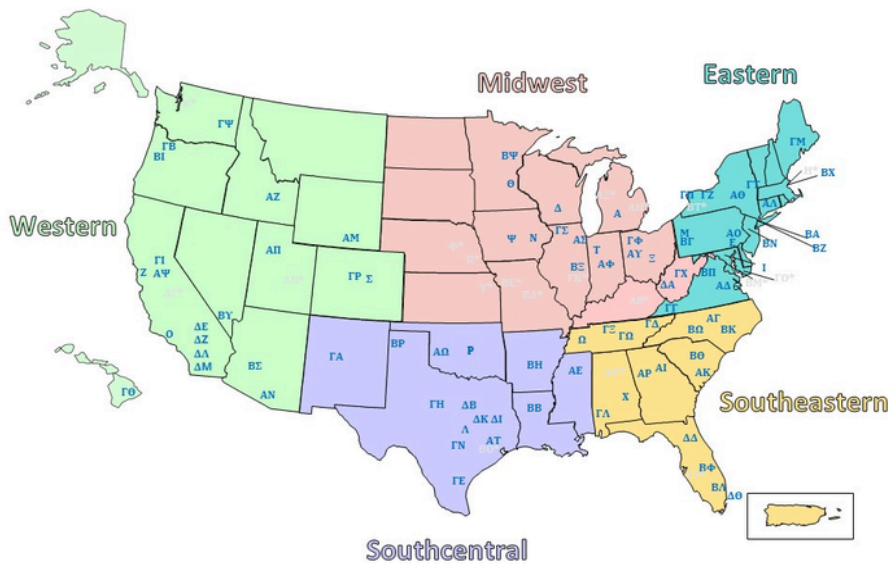
Our 75th Diamond Jubilee [Grand Council](#) was held from July 31 to August 3 in Charleston, SC. Brothers gathered for a week full of Brotherhood, networking, workshops, continuing education, panels, Regional Correspondent elections, policy discussion, and more. In addition to the usual glimmers highlighting Brothers and chapters, this month also includes glimmers from Grand Council, which can be found on our [Facebook page](#)! **More GC 2024 photos can be found on our [Flickr page](#).**

HIGHLIGHTS

Two changes to our Constitution and Bylaws were made at Grand Council.

<u>Previous Language</u>	<u>New Language</u>
<p>Proposed amendments to this Constitution or the Fraternity Ritual must be provided to the Executive Director at least TEN months prior to the Grand Council at which such amendments are to be considered. The Executive Director shall give notice of each proposed amendment to all Chapters, as well as posting the proposed changes on the Fraternity’s web site at least EIGHT months before the opening session of the next Grand Council.</p>	<p>Proposed amendments to this Constitution or the Fraternity Ritual must be provided to the Executive Director at least SEVEN months prior to the Grand Council at which such amendments are to be considered. FOLLOWING VETTING FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL the Executive Director shall give notice of each proposed amendment to all Chapters, as well as posting the proposed changes on the Fraternity’s web site at least FIVE months before the opening session of the next Grand Council.</p>
<p>Any person of good moral character majoring in Pharmacy or pre-Pharmacy where there is a collegiate Chapter is eligible for collegiate membership in the Fraternity.</p>	<p>Any person of good moral character enrolled in a Pharmacy or pre-Pharmacy curriculum at a college or university with an active collegiate Chapter is eligible for collegiate membership in that collegiate Chapter of the Fraternity.</p>

- The **regional restructure from 8 regions to 5** is officially in effect.



- [Regional Correspondents 2024-2025](#)
 - Eastern: Gavin Murren (Beta Gamma)
 - Midwest: Kathryn Reiman (Psi)
 - Southcentral: Mattie Sullivan (Alpha Tau)
 - Southeastern: Brandon Cashwell (Alpha Gamma)
 - Western: Gillian Taganas (Gamma Iota)

- Appointments (made after Grand Council)
 - PLEI Student Observer: Gretchen Erdmann (Alpha Phi)
 - St. Jude Liaison: Esther Albuquerque (Lambda)
 - Elizabeth Villanueva (Alpha Tau) as co-chair of Review of Annual Grand Council Experience Committee
 - Landon Weaver (Beta Psi) and Genesis Zavala (Alpha Tau) as co-chairs of Virtual Student Committee
- **Grand Council 2025 is from July 30 to August 2 in St. Charles, MO!** Grand Council 2026 will also be in St. Charles.

AWARD WINNERS

Publication Award

1. Tau
2. Alpha Psi
3. Delta Delta
4. Beta Nu
5. Alpha Theta

Prescott Scholarship Award

1. Beta Nu
2. Tau
3. Psi
4. Alpha Psi
5. Beta Kappa

Grabenstein Leadership Award

1. Tau
2. Beta Nu
3. Alpha Psi
4. Psi
5. Delta Delta

Saroyan Brotherhood Award

1. Beta Nu
2. Tau
3. Alpha Theta
4. Alpha Psi
5. Beta Kappa

Alvarez Professional and Service Projects Award

1. Tau
2. Alpha
3. Gamma Theta, Delta Beta
5. Lambda, Delta Delta

Outstanding Alumni Chapter Award

1. Beta Chi Alumni Chapter
2. Texas Alumni Chapter

Honorary Grand President: J.T. Simonsen (Beta Sigma)

Schlegel Leadership Development Award: Nikki Chen (Beta Theta)

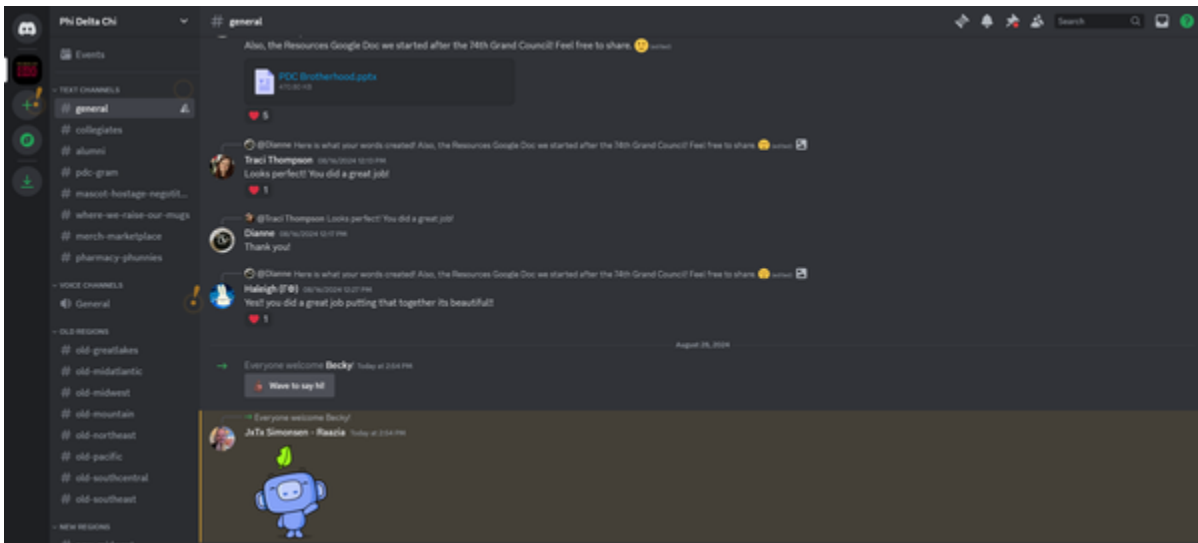
Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award: Tom Ellington (Beta Pi)

Thurston Cup

1. Tau 🏆🏆🏆
2. Beta Nu
3. Alpha Psi
4. Psi
5. Delta Delta
6. Lambda
7. Beta Lambda
8. Alpha Theta
9. Beta Kappa
10. Delta Beta

LOOKING AHEAD: For those interested in attending **Grand Council 2025 (July 30 to August 2 in St. Charles, MO)**, check out some [Grand Council fundraising ideas!](#)

DISCORD

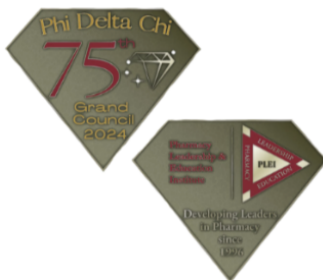


At Grand Council 2024, we piloted the communication platform, Discord. The Discord server is now live for all Brothers. Channels include Regions, leadership roles, “pharmacy punnies”, merchandise, upcoming events, and more. Click [here](#) to join. For questions, please contact Grand Vice President for Communications, Ethan Rawl (gvpc@phideltachi.org).

KATHLENE A. HAWKINS MEMORIAL TRAVEL AWARD

Phi Lambda Sigma offers travel awards to promote leadership development among their student members. The award monies will be used to offset registration and travel costs of a leadership development conference/meeting. The leadership conference is not required to have a pharmacy focus. Awards up to \$500 are awarded on a rolling basis. Applicants must be students in good standing at their school of pharmacy and a member of Phi Lambda Sigma. **More information can be found [here!](#)**

Endowing Student Leadership: A Heartfelt Thank You and Room to Grow!



At the 75th Grand Council in Charleston, SC, PLEI introduced **The Leader Legacy Fund**. This endowed fund will empower our Brothers with leader-development training they need to excel both within our organization and in their professional lives. Our goal is to **provide funding to offset expenses of leader training** to make it more accessible to our collegiate Brothers.

Alumni Brothers attending Grand Council responded generously to the Leader Legacy Fund kickoff, **pledging \$260,000 over the next 5 years**, with over \$20,000 already in the bank. Thank you to these 46 alumni! Because of you, we are one step closer to reducing the financial barriers that stand between our collegiate Brothers and leader-development training.

Our ultimate goal is to raise \$1 million. Can we count on your contribution to help support leader-development training for Phi Delta Chi Brothers? **The next 54 people to create a \$6,000 pledge (\$100 per month) will receive a special edition Diamond Jubilee coin.** Learn more about our efforts and the Leader Legacy Fund [here](#).

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RISK MANAGEMENT WEBINAR AND ALCOHOL 101

WCC's and WVC's - Please be on the lookout for an email about the risk management webinar and Alcohol 101, an interactive program which helps students make safe and responsible decisions about alcohol. For questions, please contact Grand Vice President for Collegiate Affairs, Dimitri Savva (gvpca@phideltachi.org).

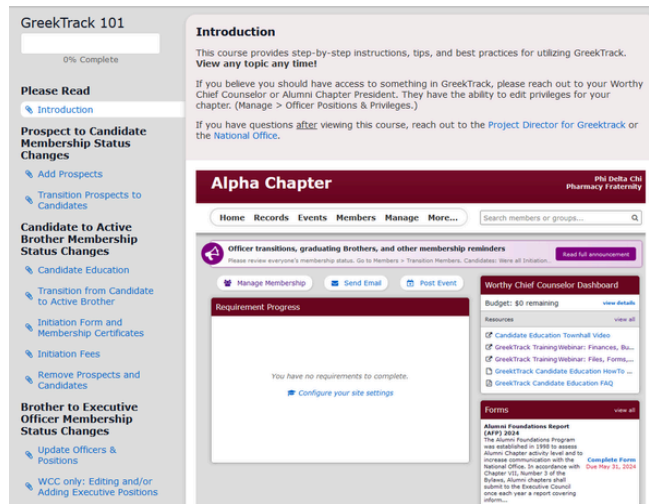
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GREEKTRACK 101

Does your chapter know how to do the following in GreekTrack?

- Change membership statuses for Prospects and Candidates
- Transition your new graduates to alumni status
- Update Worthy Officers and Chapter Advisors
- Generate National Operating Dues and Initiation Fees invoices
- Send email and SMS messages
- Conduct Candidate education
- Manage finances
- Generate membership reports
- Review ChEQ report submissions
- Track service

All of these are covered in our new GreekTrack 101 course. Sign into phideltachi.org and then go to **More... > Courses > GreekTrack 101**. Topics are listed on the left side and can be viewed at any time in any order. Please reach out to [Project Director for Greektrack](#), Bailey Nero, or the [National Office](#) with any questions.



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Opportunity to publish! Are you interested in providing content for the *e-Communicator* or *The Communicator*?

Are you interested in writing an article or providing other content for the *e-Communicator* or *The Communicator*? Fraternity topics such as recruitment and engagement, pharmacy topics such as clinical pearls and study tips, and professional topics such as interview prep and leader development could provide valuable insight and knowledge to our Brotherhood.

If interested in publishing, please reach out to Grand Vice President for Communications Ethan Rawl (gvpc@phideltachi.org), Project Director for the *The Communicator* Josh Murdock (pdtc@phideltachi.org), or Project Director for the *e-Communicator* Sophie Jacome-Singletary (pdec@phideltachi.org).

Include your proposed topic in your email. If you have any questions, please contact Ethan, Sophie, or Josh!

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ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM (AAP) AND CHEQ REMINDER

Worthy Correspondents - Don't forget the **Prescott Scholarship Report is due October 31**. Instructions and grading rubric can be found [here](#). Please contact Grand Vice President for Student Affairs Kali Cira (gvpsa@phideltachi.org) or your [Regional Correspondent](#) with any questions. AAP results from the 2023-2024 cycle can be found on GreekTrack (**Sign In > More... > Files > Shared by National Office > Achievement Award Program**).

All Worthy Officers - The Chapter Excellence and Quality (ChEQ) program will resume in September. All Worthy Officers are required to complete their monthly ChEQ form via GreekTrack. Reports open on the 27th of each month and close on the 7th of the following month (i.e. September forms open on September 27 and close on October 7). Be on the lookout for an email with more info about the ChEQ program. For questions, please contact Grand Vice President for Collegiate Affairs, Dimitri Savva (gvpca@phideltachi.org) or your [Regional Director for Collegiate Affairs](#).

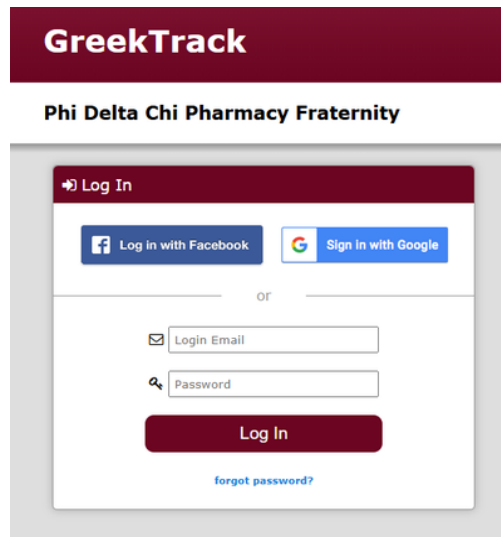
LOOKING AHEAD

Leadership Report due December 31, 2024

Brotherhood Report due February 28, 2025

Professional and Service Projects Report due April 30, 2025

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION ON GREEKTRACK



To keep connected with the Fraternity, please remember to update your contact information on [GreekTrack](#). This is especially important for those Brothers who just graduated and will be transitioning to alumni status. **It is encouraged to add a non-school email address to your GreekTrack account since many school email addresses will be deactivated shortly after graduation.** If you have any questions or need assistance logging onto GreekTrack, please email National Office Administrator Becky Griffith (office@phideltachi.org).

GLIMMERS



The term “glimmers” can be thought of as small moments which spark joy or peace in an effort to calm our mind or promote a feeling of safety. One could call “glimmers” the opposite of triggers. Glimmers from Brothers all over the country are featured in this month’s *e-Cator*! Midwest Regional Director for Alumni Affairs, Rachel Whitesitt (pictured above), was honored with the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin Young Pharmacist of the Year award. Rachel was also able to present about long-acting injection programs in community pharmacy.

Phi Delta Chi would love to hear about glimmers from your everyday life, both large and small.

You can submit glimmers by either filling out [this form](#) and starting it with the word “Glimmer” or by contacting the Project Director for the *e-Communicator*, Sophie Jacome-Singletary (pdec@phideltachi.org) with the subject “Glimmers” to be included on the next *e-Communicator*.

More glimmers from this month can be found on our [Facebook page!](#)

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Is your chapter hosting an event for Brothers across the country?

If your chapter is hosting an event for Brothers across the country (e.g. reunion, Founders’ Day, initiation, formal, St. Jude Walk/Run, workshop/continuing education, etc.) and would like to advertise it in the *e-Communicator*, please reach out to Grand Vice President for Communications, Ethan Rawl (gvpc@phideltachi.org), or Project Director for the *e-Communicator*, Sophie Jacome-Singletary (pdec@phideltachi.org).

Include information such as an event description, date, time, location, contact person, registration information and cost, number of available spots, flier, and any other information that Brothers should know. If you have any questions, please contact Ethan or Sophie!

- Beta Chi’s 20-year reunion will be in Boston (virtual option for some programming) from March 21-23, 2025!
- Alpha Theta’s Wing Ding will be in Albany on Saturday, November 23, 2024! More info can be found [here](#).
- Alpha Delta’s centennial is this year! More information will be coming soon.

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HISTORY CORNER

Does your chapter have a cool mascot with a proud history? Do you have stories and photos from past conferences? Do you remember when your local chapter was chartered?

If you have a story you’d like to be featured in our history corner, please reach out to Grand Vice President for Communications Ethan Rawl (gvpc@phideltachi.org) or Project Director for the *e-Communicator* Sophie Jacome-Singletary (pdec@phideltachi.org).

OMEGA BOB, OUR FRATERNITY’S FIRST CHAPTER MASCOT

“Omega got Bob in Summer 1999 when our collegiates roadtripped to San Diego for Grand Council. They stopped in Las Vegas on the way and won the “original Bob” at a guess-your-weight station on the strip. Original Bob was a 3-foot blowup green alien, which wasn’t great for carrying around. So, in 2001, at Grand Council in Boston, the collegiates purchased the Bob we all know (small hand puppet plush toy) at an FAO Schwarz.

I started pharmacy school in Fall 2001 and first met Omega Bob (puppet) at the recruitment formal event, where he was promptly stolen by Beta Beta Brothers and kidnapped for several years. We used to get pictures and ransom notes from all over the country. In a way, Bob was more of a national mascot during those dark years.

Bob lost his head in San Antonio in 2005 in a tug of war trying to get him back. We eventually recovered Bob using a honeypot operation in Gatlinburg a year or two after GC ’05. Shortly after that, a Brother’s mom sewed on his new head based on old pictures. This Brother was one of the original kidnapppers, and I think he felt guilty. He promised to return Bob after the operation and kept his word. Since then, Omega has mostly been able to keep Bob with them. There have been a few short kidnappings, but no very long stretches.” -Kirk Hevener (Omega #1569)

Are you interested in sponsoring the *e-Communicator* or *The Communicator*?

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